

RULES FOR USE OF THE WHIP AT ØVREVOLL RACECOURSE

It is strictly forbidden to carry a whip other than in the following category of races: qualifying races, two-year old races and in hurdle races.

The following rules for using the whip are in force at Øvrevoll Racecourse:

1. Rules of Racing paragraph 371
In flat races, it is only permitted to carry a "2-year old" whip, its handle must not exceed 35 cm.

In National Hunt races, the whip must not exceed 80 cm, inclusive the flaps.

2. Rules of Racing paragraph 372
In races, the jockey shall ride with both hands on the reins. Using the loose ends of the reins as a whip is forbidden, and will be punished according to the Rules of Racing.

Any offence against these rules may lead to the horse being disqualified, and the jockey punished according to the Rules of Racing.

The jockey, shall according to what is mentioned above, from the start to the winning post, ride with both hands on the reins.

The whip is only permitted to be used on the horse's shoulder and neck. Further it is forbidden to use the whip for the purpose of driving the horse during the race.

Use of the whip will only be tolerated when a dangerous situation occurs, situations which can be of danger to the jockey's own mount or to competitors, or if the horse is obviously hanging badly, or is trying to duck out.

The jockey is not permitted to change the whip from one hand to the other from the 200m pole and up the run-in until having past the winningpost. During this distance the whip must always be held in the same hand, only reasons as mentioned above for using the whip will be tolerated.

3. Punishment
All jockeys / amateur riders breaking the rules "for use of the whip", will be punished by the Stewards according to the Rules paragraph 372.

Professional jockeys

First offence; Fine of NOK 2.000,- and one week suspension

Second offence; Fine of NOK 5.000,- and four weeks suspension

Amateurriders

First offence; three weeks suspension

Second offence; six weeks suspension

These punishments should be regarded as minimum punishment for breaking the Rules for use of the whip at Øvrevoll Racecourse.

If the Stewards should find the committed offence in this respect to be of a very serious character, they may report the case to the Senior Stewards of The Norwegian Jockey Club.